

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) Equipment for a A digital video disc device, comprising:

a memory in which key data associated with information on a digital video disc is recorded

in advance; and

means for processing the information on said digital video disc using said key data read from

said memory; wherein

random data is written around said key data in said memory, and

the key data can be modified by a key data writing equipment.

2. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 1, wherein

said key data is an encryption key for equipment for encrypting and recording the

information on said digital video disc.

3. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 2, wherein

said key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from

said digital video disc.

4. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 1, wherein

said key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from

said digital video disc.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a memory, comprising the steps of:

writing said prescribed information in an unused area of said memory; and

writing random data in an area within said unused area adjacent to said prescribed

information written in said step of writing, wherein

the writing can be performed by a key data writing equipment.

6. (Original) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein

said memory is mounted on equipment for a digital video disc, and

said prescribed information is key data associated with information on a digital video disc.

7. (Original) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein

said prescribed information is a password.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a memory, comprising:

means for writing said prescribed information in an unused area of said memory; and

means for writing random data in an area within said unused area adjacent to said prescribed

information written in said step of writing, wherein

the writing can be performed by a key data writing equipment.